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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated November 24, 2009. A Notice of Appeal was filed May 24, 2010. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a five-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to December 24, 2010 which fell on a holiday; the next business day being December 27, 2010. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the Remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.